

S. B. No. 42.]

CHAPTER XXIV.

An Act requiring a gateway in every three miles of fencing and punishing the building or maintaining any fence without such gateway.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:* That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons by joining fences, or otherwise to build or maintain more than three miles lineal measure of fence, running in the same general direction, without a gateway in same, which gateway must be at least eight feet wide and shall not be locked; provided that all persons who have fences already constructed in violation of this section shall have six months within which to conform to the provisions hereof.

SECTION 2. If any person or persons shall build or maintain more than three miles lineal measure of fencing, running in the same general direction, without providing such gateway, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than one nor more than two hundred dollars, and each day that such fence remains without such gateway shall constitute and be punished as a separate offence.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this bill shall only apply to pasture lands.

SECTION 4. The near approach of the close of the present session of the Legislature, renders it probable that this bill cannot pass in the usual course of legislation, therefore an imperative public necessity exists for the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days, said rule is therefore suspended.

I hereby certify that the within S. B. No. 42, originated in the Senate and passed the same Jan. 31st 1884.

WM. NEAL RAMEY,
Secretary of the Senate.

I hereby certify that the within S. B. No. 42, passed the House of Representatives Feby. 5th 1884.

J. W. BOOTH,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Approved February 6th 1884.

JNO. IRELAND, Governor.